

In the claims:

Please amend claim 29 as shown below.

1. (Original) A method, comprising:

applying to a localized region of a body of a patient a binding partner immobilized relative to or able to be immobilized relative to a signaling entity; and determining immobilization of the signaling entity within or on the body of the patient.

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the patient is undergoing surgical procedure.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein the surgical procedure is a minimally-invasive procedure.

11. (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein the surgical procedure is an endoscopic or laproscopic procedure.

12. (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein the surgical procedure involves removal of a diseased tissue.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 12, wherein the diseased tissue comprises a cancerous cell.

14. (Original) A method as in claim 12, wherein the diseased tissue comprises a tumor.

15-21. (Canceled)

22. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 1, wherein the binding partner is a biological binding partner.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the binding partner is an antibody.

25-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the signaling entity is able to ~~absorb or~~ emit electromagnetic radiation.

30. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 1, wherein the signaling entity is electronically detectable.

31. (Withdrawn) A method claim 1, wherein the signaling entity is chemically detectable.

32. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 29, wherein the signaling entity is fluorescent.

33-38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises optically detecting the signaling entity.

40-67. (Canceled)

68. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 1 wherein an agglomeration of colloid particles acts as a signaling entity.

69-114. (Canceled)

115. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1, wherein the binding partner is a chemical compound.

116. (Previously presented) A method of claim 1, wherein the binding partner is specific for a cell receptor.

117. (Previously presented) A method of claim 1, wherein the cell receptor is MUC1.

118. (Previously presented) A method of claim 24, wherein the antibody is specific for a cell receptor.

119. (Previously presented) A method of claim 118, wherein the cell receptor is MUC1